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Exodus 3:13-14 ¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

It seems to me that if today, someone wanted to try to come up with a title or a really good way to enhance their image and stature by way of an introduction, "Tell them **I AM** is here," would be pretty compelling!

"I AM!"

Reading the Bible, we are able to see that man has a flaw in his nature and character which allows him to (even without intent) diminish his appreciation and realization for the **Holiness, Sovereignty** and consequently, the **Fear** of God!

When I try to talk with someone about Christianity I am often told that they might possibly have an interest, but – they wrestle with becoming a Christian and not having "fun" anymore. It is almost as though a scale appears; on one side is *their* perception of "Life in the World," and on the other, "Sitting quietly, hands folded in the corner of some convent – there they are, unhappy and only waiting for death."

Could that perception be partially the fault of Christians today?

My introduction to God and His truth was different than someone who might have had the blessing of actually being born into a family already obedient to God. As a mature (?) adult, I began to read God's Word, only to learn what God's "Rules" might be, and what I would need to do (if anything) to be okay with Him.

What I was not ready for was that when I read God's Word, it caused me to develop a **love** for Him. My reason and purpose for reading the Bible had changed from "**What I needed to know,**" to, "**What can I know?"**

Before this, the only other *life-experience* I had which compared to it was when I met my wife-to-be, Laura! All I wanted to do was to be with her and to "*know*" everything about her! That compelling desire was the catalyst for everything that followed and what came to be my first experience with *true* love.

When I became a father, it deepened my ability to understand what *kind* of relationship God desires to have with me; and *all* of His children!

God created us and God knows us. He knows our strengths and He knows our weaknesses. God does not want to *scare* us into a relationship with Him.

Hell does not exist for the purpose of forcing us into the arms of our LORD, anymore than it would be our desire to, in some similar way; force our children, to come to us.

Unfortunately, I think that some people may only become Christians because they are *afraid* of God. Not, "*Fear*" God – but are *afraid* of God! They are afraid that if they do not become a Christian, they will not go to heaven.

It is my opinion that God cares more about "*why*" we seek Him than, "*that*" we seek Him. If you are not able to process that, then just reconstruct that scenario using *you* and *your* children.

God loves us, unconditionally - and He desires that we love Him back. He has given us everything that man should need in order to build that love for Him in His Word.

I think if Christians in America today "**LOVED**" God – America would be a better place. God and Christianity were never intended to be propelled by selfishness. If someone becomes a Christian only for the purely selfish desire to "*Go to heaven*," they will never become a good ambassador of Christ and the universe they travel in will never be enlightened!

If the American Christian today can bring back into realization – the full magnitude of God’s **Holiness** and **Sovereignty** and a **Fear** of God is thus birthed from a true and sincere **LOVE** for God – then perhaps the Christians of America will become better, and outwardly, happier children of their Father in heaven, who also happens to be known as: **“I AM”**



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